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SUBJ: PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR VISITS HONDURAS

1. AMBASSADOR ALTAF A. SHAIRH ARRIVED JULY 7 IN HONDURAS AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT AND MET WITH THE VICE-MINISTER OF EXTERIOR RELATIONS ANGEL FORTIN HIDENCE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS HE LIKED PAKISTAN'S OWN DIFFICULTIES TO HONDURAS' PROBLEMS WITH SALVADORANS AND NICARAGUANS, AND HAND MADE TWO KEY POINTS:

A) HE LOBBIED FOR HONDURAN SUPPORT FOR ITS U.N. RESOLUTION ON THE WORLD REFUGEE PROBLEM.
B) HE MENTIONED PAKISTAN'S ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION FOR A PEACEFUL RETURN OF THE AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMELAND.

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2. SHAIRH STATED THAT HE RECEIVED A PROMISE FOR THE NEEDED

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SUPPORT AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT HE WOULD HAVE EQUAL
SUCCESS IN THE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON HIS
SCHEDULE. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO SOUND OUT FOREIGN OFFICE
CONTACTS OVER NEXT FEW DAYS TO CONFIRM THIS VERSION.
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